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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and in recognition of their duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office relevant information known to be material to patentability, Applicant herewith submits copies of the prior art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The prior art references 1-11 and 16 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT Application No. PCT/JP2003/013037.

Applicant cites US 2002/0153965 because it is the U.S. equivalent of EP 1 253 713 A2.

Applicant cites U.S. 5,373,268 and EP 0 609 555 A2 because they are the U.S. and the European equivalents of JP 06-295181.

The relevance of the JP 2001-024476 is discussed on page 2 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The prior art references numbered 12-14 are additional prior art references that the Applicant submits herewith.

Applicant did not submit a copy of the U.S. references as this is no longer a USPTO requirement.

The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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